

In the Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 13, wherein R5 is a 3-pyridyl or -CONH-methyl or -NHCO-methyl.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 13, wherein it is selected from group of formulae consisting of:

1,3-dihydro-3-(imidazol-4-ylmethylene)-5-(pyrid-3-yl)-2H-indolin-2-one;

1,3-dihydro-3-(pyrrol-2-ylmethylene)-5-(pyrid-3-yl)-2H-indolin-2-one;

1,3-dihydro-3-(imidazol-4-ylmethylene)-5-(N-methylcarboxamido)-2H-indolin-2-one; and

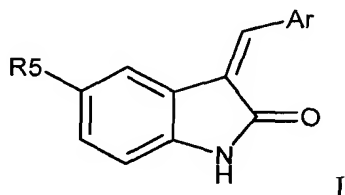
1,3-dihydro-3-(imidazol-4-ylmethylene)-5-(acetylamino)-2H-indolin-2-one.

Claims 5 and 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of the compound according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 13 in a pharmaceutically acceptable medium.

Claims 8 to 12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A compound of formula (I):



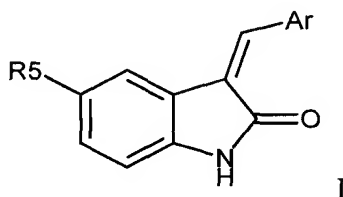
wherein

R5 is selected from the group consisting of 3-pyridyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, -CONH-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -NHCO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -SO₂NH₂, -CF₃, thien-2-ylcarbonyl and -CO₂R where R can be hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

Ar is selected from the group consisting of 5-imidazolyl, 2-pyrrolyl optionally substituted by a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, 2-furyl and 2-thiazolyl;

in the E or Z geometrical isomeric form or a mixture of the two geometrical isomeric forms.

14. (New) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

R5 is selected from the group consisting of 3-pyridyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, -CONH-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -NHCO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -SO₂NH₂, -CF₃, thien-2-ylcarbonyl and -CO₂R where R can be hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

Ar is selected from the group consisting of 5-imidazolyl, 5-(4-methylimidazolyl), and 2-pyrrolyl;

in the E or Z geometrical isomeric form or a mixture of the two geometrical isomeric forms.

15. (New) A compound according to claim 14 wherein R5 is 3-pyridyl, -CONH-methyl or -NHCO-methyl.

16. (New) A compound according to claim 4 which is:

1,3-dihydro-3-(imidazol-4-ylmethylene)-5-(pyrid-3-yl)-2H-indolin-2-one; or
1,3-dihydro-3-(pyrrol-2-ylmethylene)-5-(pyrid-3-yl)-2H-indolin-2-one.